

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellent nature of their volunteer efforts that enhance the lives of the mentally ill; and

Whereas, Leigh Rathbun, a mental health advocate, will be honored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness through its NAMI Southwest Missouri chapter on October 9, 2008, at an annual banquet that will recognize the contributions of numerous persons to advance the work and mission of NAMI Southwest; and

Whereas, Leigh Rathbun truly is an encouraging, supportive person who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to working behind the scenes to ensure that mental health services are available to those most in need; and

Whereas, Leigh Rathbun has contributed many hours of service to education men and women who deal with substance abuse and mental illness, in addition to serving as a group facilitator, on the speakers bureau, and as a Hope Center board member; and

Whereas, NAMI Southwest Missouri is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing programs and services to those affected by mental illness and improving the lives of people affected by mental illness; and

Whereas, NAMI Southwest Missouri provides programs, information, services, support, referrals, education, community outreach, and advocacy to increase the knowledge and understanding of mental illness; improve access to quality care, services, treatment, and opportunities; eradicate stigma and discrimination; and promote equal rights and greater research funding; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of such outstanding Missouri citizens as Leigh Rathbun:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life of Leigh Rathbun and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon her receipt of a 2008 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award from the Southwest Missouri chapter of NAMI; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Leigh Rathbun.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. , adopted September 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker